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Jeffrey W. Pattee *et al.*

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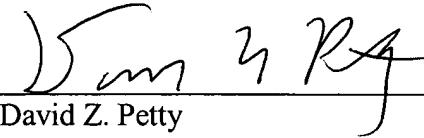
FOR: RATCHET LOCKING BRAKE  
FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

GROUP ART UNIT: 3683

EXAMINER: Williams, Thomas J.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Examiner Williams:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006. This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted within two months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Please enter and consider the following: